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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 24, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect Species A as set forth in said Restriction Requirement, upon which Claims 1-3 are readable.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any such fee or any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NP/50366).

Respectfully submitted,

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